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SUBJECT: NEW SOVIET EMBASSY

1. CONSTRUCTION OF TWELVE-STORY SOVIET EMBASSY ON JAKARTA'S MAIN STREET WAS INAUGURATED IN A BRIEF TRADITIONAL CEREMONY MAY 14 AT WHICH BUFFALO HEAD WAS BURIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INDONESIAN CUSTOM. FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK AND DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF JAKARTA REPRESENTED INDONESIA.

2. SOVIET AMBASSADOR STRESSED GROWING TIES BETWEEN USSR AND INDONESIA, MAKING REFERENCE TO RECENT VISITS OF MINISTER OF CULTURE, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FIRYUBIN, AND TRADE DELEGATION LED BY VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE GRISHIN. HE ANNOUNCED THAT SUPREME SOVIET WOULD SHORTLY SEND DELEGATION TO VISIT INDONESIAN PARLIAMENT.

3. REMARKS OF DEPUTY GOVERNOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER WERE BRIEF AND POLITE. FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT EARLIER DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAD DELAYED CONSTRUCTION HAD FINALLY BEEN SURMOUNTED, PRAISED ARCHITECTURE AND NOTED SYMBOLISM OF BUILDING ON OCCASION 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOVIET-INDONESIAN RELATIONS. HE OBSERVED THAT EXCHANGES OF VISITS WERE A SIGN OF BROADENED RELATIONS BETWEEN INDONESIA AND USSR. ACCORDING TO SOME PRESS REPORTS MALIK ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE FOR SOVIET AID TO INDONESIA
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DURING SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN.

4. CEREMONY ENDED WITH MOSLEM PRAYER.

5. OF APPROXIMATELY 400 CHAIRS ARRANGED FOR INVITEES
APPROXIMATELY 100 WERE OCCUPIED, MOSTLY BY FOREIGN
DIPLOMATS AND SOVIET EMBASSY PERSONNEL.
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